RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 14th August, 1987/23 Sravana, 1909 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Jitendrabhai Labhshankar Bhatt (Gujarat).

2. Shri Chhotubhai Patel (Gujarat).

3. Shri P. Shiv Shanker (Gujarat).

4. Shri Om Parkash (Haryana).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indravati Project in Orissa

*261. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been achieved in the execution of the multipurpose upper Indravati project in Orissa; and

(b) what is the expenditure incurred so far thereon and the steps proposed to be taken to avoid time over-runs and cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) *The progress achieved in execution of the multipurpose Upper Indravati Project in Orissa upto June, 1987 is as under:*

S.No.	Component of the Project	Progress in percentage
1	2	3
1.	*Indravati Dam*	
	(a) Excavation	75.6
	(b) Concrete and Masonry	31
2.	*Podagad Dam*	
	(a) Base Strippings	59.5
	(b) Dam filling	1.8
	(c) Diversion Tunnel excavation	19.7
3.	*Kapur Dam*	
	(a) Base Stripping	42.9
	(b) Dam filling	6.02
4.	*Muran Dam*	
	(a) Excavation	27.7
	(b) Concrete and Masonry	0.6
5.	*Hatti Barrage, except gates*	100
6.	*Left and Right Head Regulator*	100

1	2	3
7	*Left Main Canal*	
	(a) Excavation	64.6
	(b) Concrete and Masonry	51.17
8	*Tunnel excavation*	14
9	*Surge Shaft*	
	(a) Excavation	14.5
	(b) Lining	8.8
10	*Po er House Excavation*	94.7

(b) Expenditure incurred upto June 1987 is Rs. 143.76 crores. The project is monitored on continuous basis.

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Madam, the hon. Minister says that the expenditure incurred up to June 27 is Rs. 143.76 crores. The project is monitored on continuous basis. The hon. Minister previously stated that the upper Indravati project will be a spill-over project to the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Planning Commission sanctioned this project in the year 1978 at an estimated cost of 208 crores. In the Seventh Five Year Plan, priority its given to the backward and Tribal areas. So Madam I would like to know from the hon. Minister under what circumstances this project will be a spill-over project to the next Five Year Plan period and would not be completed during the 7th Plan Period and whether a master plan of the backward areas of the States has been prepared as mentioned in the 7th Plan Strategy. And also Madam, as this is a totally ST, SC and backward area, priority should be given to this area.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Madam Chairperson, looking to the Plan provision of the project, I should say that as against a cost of Rs. 611.88 crores for the project in the 7th Plan there has been an outlay of Rs. 380.50 crores. And the outlay for the years 1987-88 is Rs. 83.30 crores. But the State Government has only programmed for Rs. 67 crores as against an outlay of Rs. 83.30 crores. This will show that there is no shortage of funds. And the implementation of the project is behind the schedule not because of lack of funds but because there are certain other problems, labour problem and other problems. We have requested the State Government to take action in this matter.

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Madam, my second suppplementary relates to the details of the project. I would like to know the total acreage of land to be irrigated after completion of this project, And since this is a multipurpose project, how much quantity of power would be generated from this project and what is the quantam of assistance received from the World Bank towards hydel power component of this project? I would like to know as to how many families who were displaced due to the land acquisition of this area in the districts of Kalahandi and Koraput have not yet been rehabilitated.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND. Madam, the irrigable area of the project is 1,09,312 hectares and the project authorities have indicated the irrigation potential of the project as 2,18,600 hectares based on 200 irrigation intensity. The Central Water Commission during the finalisation

of those things made a note for approval by the Technical Advisory Committee. The Planning Commission took a note in 1977 and had reduced the potential from 200 per cent to 170 per cent on the advice of the Water Management Division of the Ministry of Agriculture. Madam, thus it can be seen that the irrigation potential works out to 1,85,813 hectares only. The project consists of three units. The first one consists of dams and dykes. The second one consists of channels and the potential for irrigation to be created. The third is the power plant. Madam, about the displaced persons, it is estimated that 1,317 families from 51 villages in Kalahandi district and 1,516 families from 44 villages in Koraput district will be displaced and the rehabilitation of those displaced persons has to be programmed in 5 phases commencing from 1986-87 till 1990-91. The State Government is taking action for rehabilitation of these people. The families are interested in taking cash compensation rather land to land as is proposed by the Government. The Government is taking necessary steps.

श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र : उपसभापति महोदया, मूल प्रोजेक्ट राशि में अब तक कितने की वृद्धि हुई है, कितनी बार रिवाइज्ड इस्टीमेट बना और सरकार यह भी बताने की कृपा करे कि जो समय सीमा एक बार योजना के लिए तय होती है फिर एक बार, दो बार, तीन बार और चार बार उसको बदला जाता है तथा कई योजनाओं के सात-सात, आठ आठ बार रिवाइज्ड इस्टीमेट्स बनते हैं, इससे मूल राशि तथा अंत में जो राशि खर्च होती है उसमें बहुत बड़ा गेप हो जाता है तो इन सबको रोकने के लिए, इस दुर्दशा को समाप्त करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Madam, in my main answer I have given the progress report, specially the physical achievements of the project and the expenditure that has been incurred by the State Government, till now by June 1987. I do not think that what the Hon. Member apprehends, that there is going to be a large gap that is going to be there.

SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Madam, it has been announced long before at the time of Pandit Nehru that any rehabilitation of the tribals in any project should be taken into consideration along with the project. And now he has stated that money is being deposited from here and the State Government will rehabilitate, but that is not at all effective. I have seen with my own eyes and it is my own experience that in all these years it has not happened. So, I would like to know whether this announcement by the Prime Minister Nehru that along with the project the rehabilitation programme of the tribals will also be taken into consideration, whether it is being followed up or not.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Madam, rehabilitation aspect I have already answered. The hon. Member wants to know the general aproach of the Government as far as rehabilitation aspect of the displaced persons specially the tribals is concerned. I may inform the hon. Member that the cost of rehabilitation is an essential component of the project and rehabilitation is to be taken along with the implementation of the project itself.

डा० बापू कालदाते : यह जो प्रकल्प हैं। वह खासकर कालाहांडी और कोरापुट जैसे आदिवासी इलाकों के लिए है। हम लोगों को इस पर इसलिए ज्यादा ध्यान देना जरूरी है कि जहां समाज के बहुत पिछड़े हुए वर्ग होते हैं विशेष रूप से उनका काम जल्दी से जल्दी पूरा करने की हम लोगों को कोशिश करना चाहिए। मुझे लगता है कि जितना समय ज्यादा

होता जायेगा उतना उसकी कास्ट बढ़ती जायेगी। फिर यह काम बड़ी धीमी गति से चले तो जिस अपेक्षा के साथ इस प्रोजेक्ट के बारे में आप लोगों ने सोचा है वह पूरा नहीं होगा। इसके लिए मेरा आपसे सवाल है कि क्या सरकार आदिवासी इलाकों, पिछड़े इलाकों के लिए विशेष धनराशि की उपलब्धि करने के बाद इन कार्यक्रमों को जल्दी से जल्दी पूरा करने के लिए कोई विशेष ठोस कदम उठा रही है और इस प्रोजेक्ट को कब तक पूरा करने की दिशा में आप प्रयास कर रहे हैं ?

श्री बी० शंकरानन्द : आनरेबुल मेम्बर ने जो सवाल उठाया है तो मैंने पिछले सवाल का जो जवाब दिया वही जवाब मैं इनको दे सकता हूं। सवाल यह है कि सदस्य चिंतित है कि अगर धीमी गति से काम चले तो कास्ट बढ़ जायगी। यह तो बिल्कुल कबूल करने की बात है कि काम धीमा नहीं चलना चाहिए। मगर इस प्रोजेक्ट के बारे में अगर कहना है तो रिहबिलीटेशन के लिए जो भी कदम लेना है वह सरकार ले रही है और इसमें कोई देर हो रही है ऐसा मुझे नहीं लगता है।

डा० बापू कालदाते : कब पूरा करेंगे।

श्री बी० शंकरानन्द : पूरा हो सकता है बाई 1992।

डा० बापू कालदाते : फाइव इयर्स मोर।

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Madam, this project was sanctioned in the year 1978 during the Fifth Five-Year Plan. Now, the Sixth Plan is already over and we have also completed three years of the Sevnth Five-Year Plan. The hon. Minister has said in the Lok Sabha that this project will spill over to the Eighth Plan. I doubt whether this project will be completed even during the Eighth Five-Year Plan. The hon. Minister has also said that the State Government had given only Rs. 67 crores for this project, whereas, during this year, the Central Government had given Rs. 380.50 lakhs. I would like to point out to the hon. Minister that the State Government has already approached the Central Government to increase the Plan ceiling in respect of irrigation sector.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please put your question now.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: The outlay for irrigation in the Seventh Plan for the State is only Rs. 550 crores. I would like to know from the hon. Minister why the request of the State Government is not being considered, to increase the Plan ceiling by sanctioning additional funds for this irrigation project, since Orissa is affected by natural calamities every year.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Madam, I have already told the hon. House that this project does not suffer from scarcity of funds. The outlay for this project for the current year is Rs. 83.3 crores, whereas, the State Government has programmed for spending money up to Rs. 67 crores.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Madam, the Plan ceiling is only Rs. 550 crores. When the requests of other States are being considered, why should not the request of the Orissa Government be considered?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Madam, is he interested in knowing about the implementation of the project which is under discussion here or he is interested in the Plan allocation for the State in respect of the irrigation sector. If that is the case, I would like to point out that there are five major and 25 medium ongoing projects and eight major and seven medium new projects in the Seventh Plan. Instead of the on-going projects, the State Government has decided to take up the eight major and seven medium new projects. Madam, I would like to point out that the spill-over cost of the on-going projects is Rs. 1,574

crores. This is in respect of the on-going projects. As far as the Seventh Plan outlay is concerned, the State has provided only Rs. 550 crores, since they have taekn up new projects. Now, the hon. Member wants us to increase the outlay. I do not know what can be done.

Irrigation projects for Madhya Pradesh

*262. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Water Commission has recently dropped some irrigation projects from its consideration which were forwarded by the Madhya Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, what are the names of such projects and what are the reasons for dropping them from consideration in each case; and

(c) the manner in which the Central Government propose to help Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The following schemes have been deleted from the list of projects under appraisal due to non-compliance for more than one year of various comments made by the Central appraisal agencies:

1. Bina Complex Phase-I
2. Mongra Irrigation Project
3. Bargi Diversion
4. Mahanadi Reservoir Project
5. Ken Multipurpose Project
6. Ravi Shankar Sagar
7. Hap Project
8. Bihrikhurd Irrigation Project
9. Modernisation of Kharung Project
10. Modernisation of Udanti Reservoir Project
11. Pairi High Dam Mahandi Link Project
12. Hasdeo Bango Project
13. Pancham Nagar Complex
14. Sindh River Project
15. Orcha Multipurpose Project
16. Ramkund Diversion Project
17. Rehar Project
18. Chambal Ayacut Development Phase-II
19. Bansagar Unit-II-Canals
20. Arnia Bhadur Tank Project
21. Chaldu Tank Project
22. Bhanpuria Canal Project
23. Rampur Pickup Weir
24. Gopad Lift Irrigation Scheme

(c) The Central Government will provide technical assistance as and when needed by State Government.

श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : उपसभापति महोदया, क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार के पास कौन से मापदण्ड हैं जिनके आधार पर यह फैसला किया जाता है कि प्रदेश सरकारों द्वारा भेजी गयी सिंचाई योजनाओं को मंजूरी दी जाये या रद्द कर दिया जाये और क्या देश में वर्तमान चिंताजनक सूखे की स्थिति को देखते हुए केन्द्र सरकार मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा भेजी गयी सिंचाई योजनाओं को मंजूरी देने का विचार रखती है ?

श्री बी० शंकरानन्द : मापदण्ड के बारे में यह कहना है कि 1972 में ही हमने राज्य सरकारों को मापदण्ड दिखा दिये थे अगर इन इन मामलों में स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से क्लरिफीकेशन –सी०डब्लू०सी० या प्लानिंग कमीशन के जो कमेंटस होंगे उनके क्लरिफिकेशन नहीं आयेंगे तो ऐसे प्रोजेक्ट हम दे दो। यह सब राज्य सरकारों को 1972 में ही चिट्ठी लिख दी थी। उन्हीं मापदण्डों पर हमने इन प्रोजेक्टों को वापस कर दिया है।